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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR YVONNE B. BURKE

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WHEREAS, in the United States, while the Black/African-Americans account for only 12% of the United States population, over 49% of AIDS cases reported in 2001 were among Black/African-Americans; in Los Angeles County, Black/African-Americans account are only 10% of the population, yet represent 25% of all AIDS cases; and

WHEREAS, AIDS was the leading cause of death in Black/African-Americans ages 25-44 in 2000, and in a recent study in Los Angeles County a high proportion of African-American men had unrecognized HIV infection, and racism, stigma, drug use, homophobia, gender inequality, and poverty worsen the ordeal of those suffering from, or at risk for HIV/AIDS, therefore it is important that communities join together to promote tolerance, acceptance, compassion, economic and social justice through honest dialogue regarding the risk of infection and the plight of those infected; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to increase HIV/AIDS awareness, education, testing, and early entry to care and treatment services in the Black/African-American community, a grassroots community based coalition-the National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Coalition (NBHAAD) of Los Angeles was formed to encourage societal, political and personal changes and promote tolerance, acceptance, compassion, honest dialogue about the risk of HIV infection, and social justice that are conducive to understanding HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 theme for NBHAAD "Save a Brother, Save a Sister -- Together We Can: Get Educated, Get Tested and Get Involved!" calls for a commitment to reaching and serving people infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS in all racial and ethnic communities, but focus on the highly impacted Black/African-American Community,

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County does hereby declare February 7, 2006 National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day to increase and promote understanding of HIV/AIDS as a Black/African-American issue, and further encourage all persons to take part in HIV/AIDS prevention activities and programs to prevent the further spread of HIV/AIDS in all communities within Los Angeles County.

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